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Previous references. Imig. 517-19-(1-21) ([illegible] 4 Immigrai)

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File No. 108-24

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GENERAL AND RECORDS SECTION.

Serial Nos.

Part I for January 1925.

SUBJECT

Letter from the chairman of the General meeting of the Muslemans at Chitaldrug regarding the appointment of the Cirk Imam of the mosque at the place

PR 1123 dated 26.1.25

To the Imig. Comr

Forwarded for disposal

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G. R. S. III—3]

ROUTINE NOTES.

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D. 1135

The Chairman of a General meeting of Musalmans held at Chitaldrug held at the place on 24-12-24 for the appointment of Peish Imam & the Mosque at Chitaldrug, has sent a copy of the Proceedings of the meeting.

Resolution 4 of the Proceedings contains the appointment of the Peish Imam & the Extent that the place of the Peish Imam & the Mosque may be advertised.

May file 5-17-19 as the subject is submitted for perusal. & Orders 15-7-1-3 Mur 5-17-19-7-1

& 13.10.22 & the Original Order received as the case.

If approved the Rs. received may be sent to the Dy Comr Chitaldrug

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

G. R. S. III—3] 1146

ROUTINE NOTES.

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Through the Mar Comr
enquiring Who the
Peth Imam of the
Mosque appointed in
pursuance of the G.O
cited above, is and
Whether he is doing his
duties satisfactorily
and What his opinion
is about the suggestion
contained therein.

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In the above order cited above,
Govt has been
able to confirm the present
Imam if he is competent etc
if not Select a man unconnected
with either party in the Mosque.

G. R. S.-III—3]

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Evidently the D.C. has called the old Imam, and the party against him seem to have held the meeting and passed a resolution with the object of getting him removed. No reasons are addressed, however he does it. ~~Perhaps~~ Copies of the resolutions perhaps sent with the Dy Cmr's despatch.

14.1.25.

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2nd December.

The letter of the Crown Prince must arrive in England by the 15th to reach the Court for disposal.

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Despatch posted

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No: 1123 d. 26.1.25.
From the above letter sent
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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

Mysore 10-1- 1925

11 JAN 1925

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Dno 1146.

Petition, as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore, for disposal

By Order,

Private Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. 656 of 1924-25

The Case file has been sent to the Secretary Members Section. This has to be placed in that paper

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TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.,

M Y S O R E.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN.,

GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUSALMANS OF CHITALDRUG.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

I most respectfully beg to submit herewith the Resolution passed in the General Meeting of the Musalmans of Chitaldrug on 24th December 1924 for favour of an early order.

I beg to remain,
May It Please Your Highness,
Your most obedient & humble servant,

J. Syed Kasumsaeb

CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL
MEETING OF THE MUSALMANS OF
C H I T A L D R U G.

CHITALDRUG.,
29-12-1924.
2/1/1925

Proceedings of the General meeting of the Muslims of Chitaldrug.

As per notification a general meeting of the Muslims was held in the building of Anjuman-i-Islam on the 24th instant. Mr. Abdul Nabi, land-holder proposed that Mr. Abdul Wahab merchant to the chair and this proposal was seconded by Mr. Ali Sahib merchant and supported unanimously by all.

The Chairman spoke elaborately about the personal animosities and unanimity among the Mussalmans of Chitaldrug and drew their attention to the internecine fueds among them which have come down to most hoary fifty years and more in connection with the affairs of Dharmadarshi of the place.

The Chairman then expressed his thanks to the Government on behalf of the Mussalmans, in their having ordered that a Head Peon who does not belong to any of the parties should be appointed in the Mosque which order if it had been given effect to would have immediately put an end to the destructive party feeling.

A resolution to this effect was introduced by Mr. Ghulam Masoom Sahib which was passed unanimously. By this they desire to request the Government once again to bring into effect the Government order G.O.No.1521-3/Muz. ~~5-7-05~~ 517-19-21 dated 17th October 1912 already passed by them in the general interest of the Muslims. It was further resolved and passed unanimously that the Government be requested to have this most of Desh Imam also abolished which will ensure speedy ~~result~~ execution of the above G. O. It was finally resolved that the minutes of the meeting in Urdu should be got translated into English and copies thereof ~~xxxxxx~~ along with the copies of above memorials in this connection should be sent to the Superintendent of Mysore. Sahib, the 2nd member of the Council, the Land Owning Classes and the Commissioner of the Chitaldrug District.

The meeting dissolved after [illegible]

Proceedings of the

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Departments.

(G.O.No. 1521-3-Muz. 517-19-21, dated 13th October 1922.)

Copy.

Pesh Imam.

Pesh Imam

Passing orders regarding the appointment of a ---- at Chitaldrug Town.

Read :-

Government order No.649 - 50-Muz. 735-18-2, dated 21st August 1919, sanctioning the appointment of Syed Mohiyaddin Hussain Badshah sahib, Khazi of the Chitaldrug Town, as Sir Khazi of the Chitaldrug District, in succession to his father, and permitting him to appoint, subject to the approval of the Deputy Commissioner, a qualified person to discharge the Khazi's duties at the Musjid and Town during his absence from Headquarters.

2. Petition registered No. 1630, dated 19th February 1920, from certain Mohamedans of Chitaldrug Town, praying for the appointment of a Pesh Imam in the Mosque at Chitaldrug.

3. Petition dated 26th May 1920, from certain other Mohamedans of Chitaldrug, stating that the Pesh Imam appointed by the Sir Khazi is quite enough to meet their needs and that the appointment of an additional Pesh Imam is unnecessary.

4. Correspondance ending with letter No. S. C. 393 of 1919-20, dated 6th September 1920, from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, submitting a report in the matter.

Order No. 1521-3-Muz. 517-19-21, dated 13th October 1922.

The Mosque at Chitaldrug is an old Muzrai Institution and neither of the contesting parties (the Sir Khazi or the Pesh Imam) has any personal hereditable interest in the same. The Sir Khazi of the Chitaldrug District has been, by virtue of his office, placed in charge of the Mosque; but his management not having been quite satisfactory, complaints have been made against him and Government have also had to interfere on several occasions to set matters right. The question of the appointment of a Pesh Imam to the Mosque is an old dispute which has not been satisfactorily solved on account of which there has been

considerable feeling against the Sirkhazi owing to
difference between the then Sir Khazi and the Pesh Imom, the appoint-
ment of a seperate Pesh Imom was done away with in 1905. The present
Sir Khazi of the District, who was then the town Khazi, was looking
after the duties of Pesh Imom, but the adherents of the thrown out Pesh
Imom never ceased agitating for his reinstatement. But so long as the
duties of the Khazi were confined to the town of Chitaldrug there was no
serious inconvenience caused to the Mohamedan public and the agitation
in favour of the displaced Pesh Imom did not gain favour of the general
public. But in 1919 the then Sir Khazi having retired from office on
account of old age, his eldest son who was looking after the duties of
the town Khazi was appointed Sir Khazi of the District and this necessi-
tated the appointment of a seperate Pesh Imom, as the duties of the for-
mer are of touring nature and he cannot be expected to be present in the
Mosque five times a day to lead the prayers. Government in their order
No. 649-50-Muz. 735-18-2, dated 21st August 1919, allowed the Sir Khazi
to appoint a Pesh Imom, subject to the approval of the Deputy Commissio-
er, and the Sir Khazi chose to the office his younger brother who is sta-
ted to be an official in the District Excise office, Chitaldrug. It is
not known what the Educational qualifications of this man are, but it
was obviously impossible for him to attend the Mosque regularly five
times a day at the stated hour of prayers, two of which ~~fall~~ at least
fall within his office hours. This seems to have caused considerable dis-
satisfaction to the public and the old agitation in favour of the
thrown out Pesh Imom has been revived.

2. The Order of the Government which is likely to be construed
as recognising the right of the Sir Khazi to appoint the Pesh Imom is
based upon the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, which un-
fortunately proceeds upon a wrong interpretation of the terms of the
Sanned granted to one of the ancestors of the Khazi in May 1814 by the
Adalat Cutcherry. The Sanned is written in the Persian language, and,
naturally, there has been some mistake in understanding the precise
scope of its terms. The Deputy Commissioner says that under the terms
of the Sanned, " the Kasba of Chitaldrug belongs exclusively to the Sir
Khazi and that its affairs may be managed by him personally, or, by any
one to be deputed by him". This is not a correct rendering of the
term of the Sanned. ~~The Sanned enjoins upon the Sir Khazi the duty t~~

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~~of the terms of the Sanned~~. The Sanned enjoins upon the Sir Khazi the duty to watch over the religious practices and observances of the people, to see the education of the Mohamedan youths and the spiritual welfare of the people and to appoint Naibs or assistants, generally, throughout the District for the conduct of Nikah ceremonies and for performing the " Zibah ". The passage referred to by the Deputy Commissioner literally translated runs as follows :-

3. " Besides the Kasba of Chitaldrug, there are twelve taluks attached to the District of Chitaldrug and all the Naibs of these places have been placed under your control." It is clear from the language of the Sanned that the Khazi has not been given the control and superintendence of mosques. Indeed such powers could not have been vested in him as, under the Mohamedan Law, the duties of Khazi are distinct from those of Muthawalli, who alone is invested with authority to manage the affairs of a mosque to which he may be appointed. The duties of the Khazi have been correctly laid down in the Muzrai Manual and the superintendence and control of mosques is not one of them. If it was intended in the Sanned to give, what is technically called, " the Towleat " to the Khazi, the fact would have been specially mentioned in the Sanned given to him. In the absence of any such special authority conferred upon him, the Khazi cannot appoint Muthawallies to mosques and the practice in the Muzrai Department is for the Government themselves to make such appointments in Government institutions at Mysore and Seringapatam. The Government order of 1919 will therefore be modifiedto this extent that the Deputy Commissioner in the Muzrai Department alone will appoint the Pesh Imom of the Chitaldrug Mosque. Of course he will consult the Khazi and other respectable Muslim inhabitants before making a selection but it is not necessary that the Khazi should in the first instance make the nomination.

4. As regards the present incumbent of the office of the Pesh Imom, the Deputy Commissioner may confirm him in his appointment if he resigns the service and is otherwise fit to discharge the duties of his office. If he is not to be confirmed, then the Deputy Commissioner may appoint a man preferably an outsider, who may be acceptable to a great majority of the people of Chitaldrug though not to both the parties. The Deputy Commissioner may fix a suitable salary

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5. As regards Syed Mohiyaddin whose claims for Pesh Imomship have been urged by a section of the Mohamedans, it may be stated that he has failed to establish his hereditary right to the office. The Government had every authority to dipense with his services as they did in 1905 and in fact no other course was opened to them under the circumstances of the case. The proposal of the Deputy Commissioner to appoint him as " Duam " or second Pesh Imom does not commend itself to Government.

T. S. JeYarama Aiyar,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

The above is a copy of the order

Chairman

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Bangalore.

GOVT. ORIENTAL MUSEUM

Re: Peish Imam post

From

The Chairman,

General Meeting of the Musalmans of Chitaldrug.

Rev. Secy. to Govt with compts

Most Respected Sir,

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I beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your most obedient & humble servant,

S. Syed Kasemsaheb

CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUSALMANS AT CHITALDRUG.

A copy of this has already been sent to the Secy Govt of Dept. under the orders of the 2nd member - This will be placed with the concd papers

CHITALDRUG,
29-12-1924.

2/1/1925

Proceedings of the General meeting of the Mussalmans of Chitaldrug.

As per notification a general meeting of the Mussalmans was held in the building of Asara-Shareef on the 24th December 1924. Mr. Abdul Nabi, land-holder proposed the name of Mr. Syed Nasiruddin merchant to the chair and this proposal was seconded by Khasim Sahib, merchant and supported unanimously by all.

The Chairman spoke elaborately upon the several advantages of unanimity among the Mussalmans of Chitaldrug and dwelt upon the internecine fueds among them which have done their worst havoc these fifty years and more in connection with the affairs of Jumma Musjid of the place.

The Chairman then expressed his thanks to the Government on behalf of the Mussalmans, in their having ordered that a Pesh Imam who does not belong to any of the parties should be appointed to the Mosque which order if it had been given effect to would have certainly put an end to the destructive party feeling.

A resolution to this effect was introduced by Mr. Mahomed Masoom Sahib which was passed unanimously. By this they were to request the Government once again to bring into effect the impartial order G.O.No.1521-3/Muz. ~~5-7-22~~ 517-19-21 dated 13th October 1922 already passed by them in the general interest of the Mussalmans. It was further resolved and passed unanimously that the Government may be requested to have this post of Pesh Imam advertised which will ensure speedy ~~result~~ Execution of the above G.O. It was finally resolved that the entire proceedings of the meeting in Urdu should be got translated into English and copies thereof ~~among~~ along with the copies of Government order passed in this connection should be sent to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, the Dewan Sahib, the ~~2~~ 2nd member of the Council, the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deput Commissioner of the Chitaldrug District.

The meeting dissolved after proposing three cheers to His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Chitaldrug.

24th December 1924.

I. Syed Kasemdeen
Chairman.

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d. ... January 1921.
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Department.

The above is a copy of the order

Chairman

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Diary No. of letter replied to _____

Muzrai Secretariat

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Date of issue 26.1.25

Signed by Mr. T. R.

Section

File No.

Serial No.

No.

To The Muzrai [illegible]

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 2 1-25 from the Chairman of the [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] at which it was decided to enclose specimens of the application of the Fire [illegible] of the mosque [illegible] Plan -

over.

List of enclosures.

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WD 0563—GPB—2,500—27-7-22